



# 325th Forward Support Battalion

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Friends and families of the 325<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion,

This past month has been an exciting and challenging one, but you should know our Soldiers have risen to the occasion without fail. As you may be aware, the country of Afghanistan is looking forward to elections in the Fall. A major effort of the Coalition forces here will be to ensure the elections occur as planned. All efforts are on track for this important milestone in Afghan history.

There can be no doubt that being away from hearth and home and loved ones is not easy. It would be easy to get down and discouraged but we have so much to be thankful for as Americans! Even in the middle of the inhospitable desert of Southern Afghanistan we enjoy tremendous blessings. Allow me to list just a few.

- Food – we have a variety fresh fruits and vegetables flown in as well as a large selection of traditional American fare brought in by container.
- Water – we drink bottled water and we have water from our wells for showers and dining facilities.
- Shelter – our living tents are air-conditioned and in most cases Soldiers have mattresses.
- Exercise – we have a gym with exercise machines and weights; SGM Wildhagen from the 3/4 Cav had a great running route made for us as well



CH-47 unloading supplies



1LT Bouchillon with Toby Keith



Mustang Eddie!



Convoy Live Fire Exercise



SSG Watson re-enlists

•Freedom of Worship – the KAF chapel has a variety of services and studies available and a tremendous Praise and Worship band and a very talented Gospel Choir.

The future joy of being reunited with our loved ones and knowing that we made a difference in the Global War on Terror is enough to keep us Soldiering on. I personally want to thank my wife for her faithfulness and diligence in caring for our children. I ask you to remain faithful to your commitments as well. There is great satisfaction and a wonderful sense of accomplishment in knowing one has fulfilled their vows and obligations.

Faithfully,  
LTC Robert G. Young  
Battalion Commander



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## HQ&A COMPANY

Greetings to the Family and Friends of the Mighty Henchman! You should be extremely proud of all the Soldiers of the HQ & ALPHA, LTF-325, as they continue to flawlessly provided timely Combat Service Support (CSS) to TF Bronco and other units in support of OEF-5. The list below is a snapshot of all of the CSS that has been provided over the last month:

1. Water Platoon – The “Water Dawgs” have produced over 2 million gallons of Potable Water from 18 April – 23 July 2004. During this timeframe, they’ve also issued in almost 11.2 million gallons of Non-Potable Water and safely driven over 2,800 miles.
2. Central Receiving Point – The Soldiers at the CRP have moved approximately 3,000 pallets, 700 skids, 700 containers and over 3,000 pieces moved from 18 April – 23 July 2004.
3. Transportation Platoon – The “Road Dawgs” have conducted several tactical missions while in theatre. In addition, the “Road Dawgs” have moved 2,867 pallets, 596 skids, 678 containers, as well as successfully executed 666 truck missions. The Trans Platoon has successfully moved a total of 4,847 pieces missions to date.
4. Consolidated Warehouse – The Consolidated Warehouse provides receipt, storage, and issue for all classes of supply with the exception of CL VIII (Medical). The



## Wagonmaster Pride!



CPL Cotto & PVT Lara at fuel transfer point



SSG Castaneda at the ROWPU

following is a list of the Workload for the Consolidated Warehouse from 18 April – 23 July 2004 – 44,150 Receipts, 53,900 MRO's Processed, 9,800 Packages Received from DHL/Federal Express, and 1,176 ALOC Pallets.

5. Ammunition Supply Point – The Soldiers at the ASP have been extremely busy. They have issued

306,049 rounds with a net weight of 124,220 lbs, valued in excess of \$884,000. In addition, the soldiers of the ASP have also received all unused ammunition from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit – Special Operations Capable (MEU-SOC) in preparation for their retrograde back to Cherry Point, NC.

As you can see, merely stating that the Henchmen have been extremely busy would be the understatement of the century! In addition to all of the above-mentioned Combat Service Support that was provided, the Soldiers of the Mighty HQ & ALPHA Company are also in the process of Change of Command Inventories. The Henchmen (ASP Team) are also still in the running for First Place in the Battalion Volleyball Tournament, in which the highly coveted “Kandahar Cup” is well within their reach.

I am slated to relinquish command of HQ & ALPHA Company, 325th Forward Support Battalion on 18 August 2004 to CPT Adam M. Kuhn. Upon the change of command, I am scheduled to rotate to another Base Camp or Airfield in Afghanistan for the duration of the OEF-5. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity I've had to serve with the finest Soldiers and Family Member's the Army has to offer. I wish you continued health and success in all your future endeavors as you continue to strive to provide “Lightning Support” to the Mighty Bronco Brigade Combat Team! **BRONCO SUPPORT - - TRAIN TO STANDARD!**

CPT JARRETT RYAN MOSES  
1SG JAIME BARRAZA





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## BRAVO COMPANY

This last month has been every bit as busy as the previous two. More awards, promotions and reenlistments were in order for the Rough Riders. The following Soldiers will proudly show you their General Officer coins: SGT Menard, SGT Norzea, SPC Burgess, SPC Nerseeth, SPC Slomba, SPC Peitsch, SPC Seawright, PFC Seever, PFC Hill, PFC Santoria, PFC Sullivan, PFC Castleberry, and PFC Dornbush all received coins from Brigadier General Radin for outstanding performance. SSG Pope, SPC Tsethlikia, SPC Nerseeth, SPC Stephens, PFC Cramer and PFC Kirk were given coins by Lieutenant General Campbell for being the superior Soldiers that they are. SPC Hollis was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for winning the DISCOM Soldier of the Quarter board. The next group of Soldiers were awarded the coveted 325<sup>th</sup> FSB coin for their exceptional actions during the Convoy Live Fire Exercise (CLFX) last month: 2LT Viola, SSG Pope and PFC Granados. Certificates of Achievement were also given for the CLFX to these Rough Riders: SSG Johnson, SGT Steed, SGT Datray, SGT Mozard, SGT Konetsky, SGT Island, SGT Guthrie, SPC Peitsch, SPC Slomba, SPC Stephens, SPC Czarnecki, PFC Rubio-Garcia, PFC Ewings, PFC Kirk, PFC Bragg, PFC Brown, and PFC Cramer. SPC Meyers, PFC Dornbush, PFC Seever, PFC Cramer and PV2 Terry were all promoted last month and SGT Fox and SPC Rose (SGT Rose's wife) just reenlisted. Spouses, ask your Soldier about the bonuses available for reenlisting here. There are several considerable amounts of money out there for qualified Soldiers. I've tried several times but the reenlistment NCO keeps telling me that I'm not smart enough for the \$10,000 bonus.

We have been working hard lately and earlier this month we completed our 1,000<sup>th</sup> work order here on Kandahar. For those who don't know it; that's a lot. Our customers are pretty happy with what we've been doing. We still have Soldiers out at many other locations repairing equipment. I just recently returned from a visit to some Rough Riders up North where they have been visiting smaller Fire Bases that do not have the same capabilities that the larger Operating Bases have. Those Soldiers have fixed equipment ranging from hair clippers to an old Soviet tank. It is truly amazing what they have done to repair civilian and military equipment during their visits.

Last Saturday we celebrated a



## Roughriders!



## CHEESE!



## CPT Woodworth rallies the troops



## SSG Patterson at Khowst



## SFC Grimes, ??? And 1LT Brosius

Maintenance Activity Day here in the maintenance facility. There were games, tournaments, food and music among other things. CW2 Smith won the color TV raffle and SGT Robinson won the R&R pass to Qatar. We hope to have one activity day per month that is planned and executed by the Soldiers. Judging by the success of the Soldiers last weekend, they will get bigger and better each time. We will hopefully be moving into our new homes in a couple weeks. The long-term plan is to actually connect the plumbing in them so we can walk only feet to the bathrooms and showers instead of hundreds of feet. New homes will fit right in with all the changes that are still ongoing at the maintenance facility. I was gone for less than two weeks and I almost didn't recognize this place when I returned. All the hard work is evident in the new structures put up and the moving that has taken place in the last month. Our work areas literally change on a daily basis – always improving.

Many of your spouses have already come home for Rest and Relaxation leave. I hope you enjoyed having them back for a well earned break from Kandahar. The rest of us are eagerly awaiting our turns.

Lastly, we have welcomed five new Rough Riders to the company. WO1 Williams will be working in our motor pool for awhile. SGT Boothe, SGT Madsen, SPC Thompson and PFC Moore have all just arrived from beautiful Hawaii. They are greatly appreciated by all of their new company.

Thank you to the FRG, and everyone else, for all of the care packages. We are truly blessed with many people in our lives that love us. Please contact 1SG Gory [goryjo@kaf.afgn.army.mil](mailto:goryjo@kaf.afgn.army.mil) and I [woodworthd@kaf.afgn.army.mil](mailto:woodworthd@kaf.afgn.army.mil) with any problems that we can assist you with or just to send a message.

Mahalo, CPT Woodworth and 1SG Gory



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## CHARLIE COMPANY

Friends, family and members of the Cold Steel Team- yes, another month has passed - greetings and aloha again from Kandahar.

As of this writing, 9 Soldiers of Charlie Company have been on leave or are on leave at this time- home enjoying their families and/or vacation. We are all very thankful for the opportunity, even though we may not get the exact dates we want due to availability. What a great program, and all of us are reaping the rewards of it.

One Soldier that is on leave is seeing a member of his family for the first time. Congratulations to PFC Garrett and his wife Leah on the birth of their first child, a bouncing 6 lb. 12 oz. baby boy. Congratulations to PFC Garrett as well on his promotion to private first class.

More promotions!! Congratulations to newly promoted specialists SPC Miracle and SPC Corey.

We recently had the honor of conducting a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Induction Ceremony. SGTs Henry, Morajara, Lawrence, Peidrashagun, Cunningham, Grovner, Huebner and CPL Coopridier were all inducted into the hallowed ranks of the NCO, with all inherent duties and responsibilities. This all took place in a top of the line ceremony, professionally orchestrated by 1SG Lalone and the platoon sergeants. Special thanks to SPC Alexander for her stirring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, SPC Lopez (with a little help from the crowd) with the Tropic Lightning March, and to CSM Dickie, CTF Bronco Command Sergeant Major, who served as the guest speaker, with closing remarks by our Battalion Commander, LTC Young. What a great tribute to the inductees.



## Cold Steel!



Congratulations to SPC Lopez, Soldier of the Month, and SGT Minnie Miller, NCO of the Month. A great warm-up for the promotion boards they will be attending next month.

1LT Medley and CPL Koscinzki returned from Tarin Kowt safe and sound, after providing excellent

support to the Marines and our Coalition partners for nearly 6 weeks.

The company is still continuing to provide world-class combat health support to the members of Coalition Task Force Bronco forces and local nationals through the operation of the hospital, direct support to infantry units conducting combat operations, firebase medical support, and numerous Civilian Medical Assistance Missions.

Mahalo to the members of the FRG for the magazines and books sent recently. I believe every Soldier and patient has read at

least one. Thanks for all that you do.

Again, keep the letters and emails flowing and we will strive to do the same.

Until next month....

CPT Ryan Eckmeier and  
1SG Ella M. Lalone